The Delhi Electricity Regulatory Commission had again approached the Supreme Court after finalizing the Tariff Orders for 2006-07. The Hon'ble Supreme Court had heard the matter on 6.7.2006 and the following direction was given:

"At the joint request of learned counsel for the parties, list the matter on 25th July, 2006. In the meantime, if any policy decision is announced by the Government so far as subsidy is concerned, the same shall be subject to the outcome of the appeal.

If any additional documents are to be filed, the same shall be filed within a week."

The matter is *sub judice* and has been listed on 22nd August, 2006 for final hearing.

WRITTEN ANSWER TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Air services as joint venture

1329. SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the DONER has started looking for joint venture to operate the regional air service;

(b) whether his Ministry had discussions with the Air Deccan and the Kingfisher Airlines to operate air services as joint venture; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the percentage of capital to be invested in the proposed joint venture?

THE MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH): (a) to (b) No, Sir, However, the North Eastern Council has engaged the Foundation of Aviation and Sustainable Tourism (FAST) to conduct a study for enhancing air-connectivity in the North East Region. They have submitted a draft report which has been circulated to all State Governments of the North Eastern States for their comments.